Moores Lake

27.1 acres
Dover

Although this pond often has a muddy appearance, bass were moderate to abundant in the latest survey. There are a good number of larger bass and average weights were good. The population was dominated by fish between 12 and 15 inches in 2003, but growth should have increased that to over 15 inches by now. A spring population estimate indicated that about 500 bass over 6 inches were in the pond.

A great variety and number of panfish were present in Moores Lake. Both bluegill and white perch were abundant, but pumpkinseed sunfish, black crappie, and yellow perch also provide angling opportunities. About one-third of the bluegill were over 6 inches. Crappie, especially larger individuals, were common with about 1 in 4 over 10 inches. Common carp and brown bullhead catfish (as in photo above) were also present throughout the pond.

VEGETATION
Spatterdock beds formed the bulk of the available aquatic weeds in this pond although at a lesser abundance than found during the 1966 survey. High turbidity (muddiness) and deepening as a result of dredging during the early 1990s has prevented re-establishment of many other aquatic plants. Planktonic algae blooms often result in a dark green coloration in the water during the warmest summer months.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS
There is a fish ladder for river herring to gain access to the pond during the spring months. It is unlawful to fish within 10 feet of the entrance or exit of a fish ladder or remove fish from any ladder between March 15 and May 30.
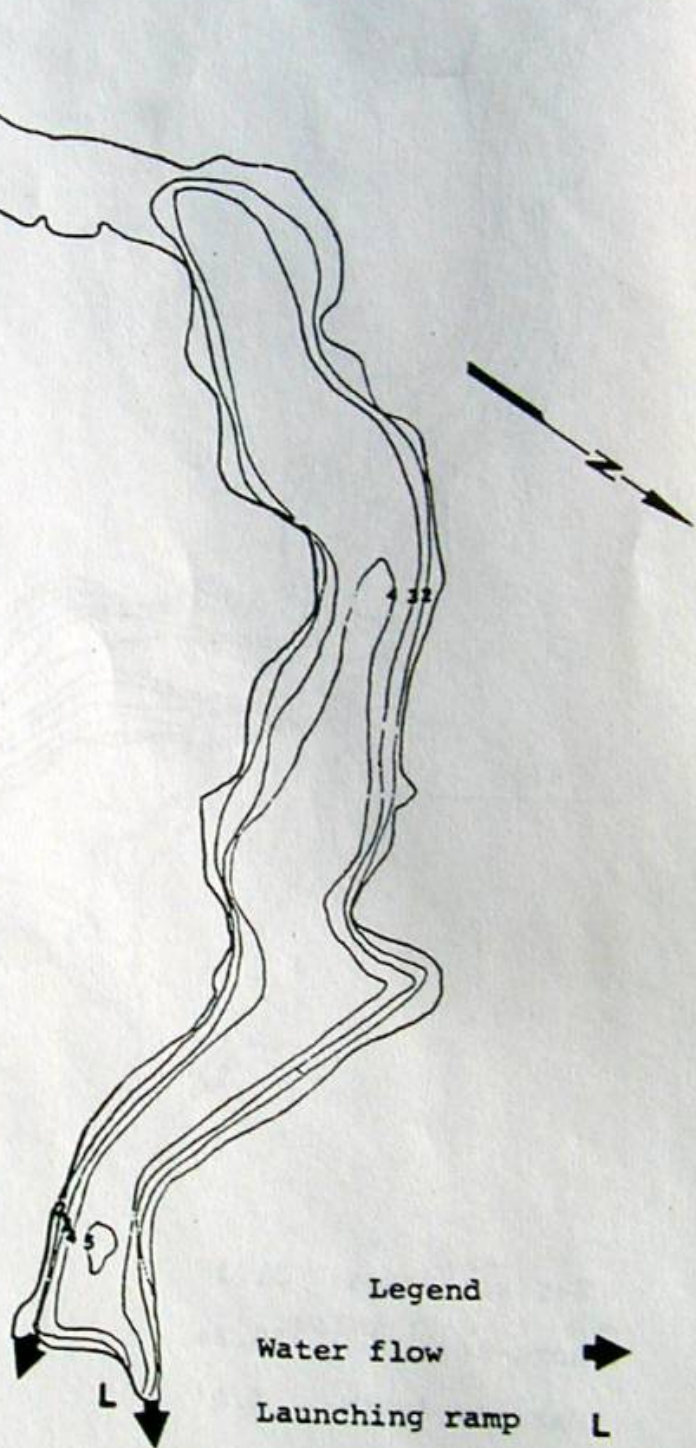
A fish consumption advisory has been in place since 1999 to limit angler exposure to contaminants in the entire St. Jones watershed, which includes Moores Lake. The advisory suggests that anglers eat no more than two 8-oz meals of fish per year based on long-term health risks associated with eating certain quantities of fish from localized areas. The contaminants of concern are PCBs and DDT.

MOORES LAKE

440'

Surface acres	27.1
Acre-feet	70.92
Maximum depth	5.0'
Mean depth	2.6'

Legend

Water flow ➤

Launching ramp L